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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2005.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application.

This action is in response to applicants' amendment filed August 16, 2005.

Claims 14-19 and 23-26 have been canceled.

### ***Response to Amendment***

Applicant's amendments filed August 16, 2005 have been fully considered with the following effect:

1. The applicants' amendments are sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections labeled 2f) maintained in the last office action, which is hereby **withdrawn**.

In view of the amendment dated August 16, 2004, the following new grounds of rejection apply:

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

In evaluating the enablement question, several factors are to be considered. In *re Wands*, 8 USPQ2d 1400 (Fed. Cir. 1988); *Ex parte Forman*, 230 USPQ 546. The

factors include: 1) The nature of the invention, 2) the state of the prior art, 3) the predictability or lack thereof in the art, 4) the amount of direction or guidance present, 5) the presence or absence of working examples, 6) the breadth of the claims, and 7) the quantity of experimentation needed.

The nature of the invention in the instant case has claims, which embrace substituted 1,2,3,4,5,5a,6,10b-octahydroazepino[4,5-b]indoles.

HOW TO USE: Claim 13 is the method of use of the compounds of formula (I) where the method is a method of treating a list of diseases and/or disorders. Any evidence presented must be commensurate in scope with the claims and must clearly demonstrate the effectiveness of the claimed compounds. However, the specification provides no definitive evidence to correlate any one disorder selected from those disclosed in the specification with the instantly disclosed 1,2,3,4,5,5a,6,10b-octahydroazepino[4,5-b]indole derivatives. No screening protocols are ever described. Thus, no evidence of in vitro effectiveness is seen in the specification for one of the instantly claimed 1,2,3,4,5,5a,6,10b-octahydroazepino[4,5-b]indole derivatives. In general, pharmacological activity is a very unpredictable area. In cases involving physiological activity "the scope of the enablement obviously varies inversely with the degree of unpredictability of the factors involved." In re Fisher, 427 F.2d 833, 166 USPQ 18 (CCPA 1970). Since this case involves unpredictable in-vivo physiological activities, the scope of the enablement given in the disclosure presented here was found to be low. The specification does not have working examples on the use of the substituted 1,2,3,4,5,5a,6,10b-octahydroazepino[4,5-b]indoles. The absence of working examples is one of the factors to be considered in deciding whether the practice of an invention

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would involve undue experimentation. There must be evidence to justify the contention that the claimed compounds can be useful in the treatment of psychosis, paraphrenia, psychotic depression, mania, schizophrenia, schizophreniform disorders, anxiety, migraine headache, drug addiction, convulsive disorders, personality disorders, post-traumatic stress syndrome, alcoholism, panic attacks, obsessive-compulsive disorders, sleep disorders, psychotic, affective, vegetative, and psychomotor symptoms of schizophrenia, the extrapyramidal motor side effects of other antipsychotic drugs, obesity, depression, schizoaffective disorder, delusional disorder, a stress related disease, panic disorder, a phobia, immune system depression, a stress induced problem with the urinary, gastrointestinal or cardiovascular system, neurodegenerative disorders, autism, chemotherapy induced vomiting, hypertension, cluster headaches, sexual dysfunction in a mammal, addictive disorder and withdrawal syndrome, an adjustment disorder, an age-associated learning and mental disorder, anorexia nervosa, apathy, an attention-deficit disorder due to general medical conditions, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, behavioral disturbance, bipolar disorder, bulimia nervosa, chronic fatigue syndrome, conduct disorder, cyclothymic disorder, dysthymic disorder, fibromyalgia and other somatoform disorders, generalized anxiety disorder, an inhalation disorder, an intoxication disorder, movement disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, peripheral neuropathy, premenstrual dysphoric disorders, a psychotic disorder, mood disorder, seasonal affective disorder, a specific developmental disorder, agitation disorder, stress incontinence including urge or mixed incontinence, selective serotonin reuptake inhibition (SSRI) "poop out" syndrome or a Tic disorder.


***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-12 are allowed. None of the prior art of record or a search in the pertinent art area teaches the compounds and method of use of the compounds of formula I as claimed herein.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-0665. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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